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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

During the month of October, the Central Command experienced an 8.7% increase in the total number of crashes when compared to September with 10 more crashes being investigated. This increase can be attributed to property damage crashes where a 35.5% increase occurred. On a positive note, injury crashes decreased by 47.1%, fatal crashes decreased by 20.0% and DUI related crashes decreased by 66.7% when compared to September.

Despite the increase in crashes, overall enforcement activity increased by 4.7% when compared to September and by 33.2% when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. This increase occurred despite decreases in most categories which would indicate more traffic stops and citations being issued for a range of traffic violations. The most alarming decrease was in the area of occupant restraints which is compounded by the fact that all persons killed in fatal crashes during October were not wearing seat belts. This issue will be addressed with District Supervisors.

The Commercial Operations Section showed increases in all categories with 670 total safety inspections being conducted for a 35.1% increase over September. Major increases occurred in hazardous moving violations of 46.2%, other traffic violations of 136.4%, total safety violations of 73.3% and overweight citations of 111.1% to name a few. I wish to commend the Commercial Enforcement Section for a job well done in October.

Traffic personnel conducted 601 level 2/3 inspections in October, finding 856 violations and placing 54 drivers out of service. Personnel continue in their efforts to reduce commercial vehicle crashes.

The Communication Center showed a decrease of 6.9% in the number of radio transmissions, a 6.1% increase in CAD incidents generated and a 3.9% decrease in telephone calls in October.

Overall, the men and women of the Central Command performed well during October, once again showing their commitment to making the highway a safer place to travel.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-06		October-05	% Change		September-06	% Change
Total Crashes	125		128	-2.3%		115	8.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	103		88	17.0%		76	35.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	18		35	-48.6%		34	-47.1%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		5	-20.0%		5	-20.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3		6	-50.0%		9	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		6	-33.3%		5	-20.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		3	-66.7%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	3		2	50.0%		1	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	29		25	16.0%		28	3.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	23		20	15.0%		19	21.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		5	0.0%		8	-37.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.2%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.4%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.2%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ Total crashes increased by 10 in October over September for a 8.7% increase. There was a 35.5% increase in property damage crashes. However, injury crashes were almost cut in half while there was one less fatal crash.
- ☒ Crashes involving impaired drivers were cut by 2/3. The average BAC for impaired drivers involved in crashes was .21.
- ☒ In the four fatal crashes during October, four persons were killed, all were without seat belts.
- ☒ There was one additional crash involving a commercial vehicle in October as compared to September. Of the 29 crashes, 17, or 58.6%, were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Of the 29 crashes, only 10 occurred on the interstate. The one fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle occurred when the driver lost control after striking a cow in the roadway.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	October-06		October-05	% Change		September-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	3		6	-50.0%		9	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	35		8	337.5%		32	9.4%
Other Arrests	169		135	25.2%		167	1.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	83		72	15.3%		96	-13.5%
Speed violations	2217		1997	11.0%		2622	-15.4%
Hazardous moving violations	217		238	-8.8%		234	-7.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	286		292	-2.1%		400	-28.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	4704		3531	33.2%		4491	4.7%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	38		49	-22.4%		26	46.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	26		28	-7.1%		11	136.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	670		393	70.5%		496	35.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	130		107	21.5%		75	73.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	912		855	6.7%		704	29.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	50		45	11.1%		27	85.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	25		25	0.0%		19	31.6%
Total school buses inspected	43		21	104.8%		0	4300.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	10		11	-9.1%		0	1000.0%
Total trucks weighed	624		90	593.3%		905	-31.0%
Total overweight citations	19		15	26.7%		9	111.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	634		372	70.4%		482	31.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

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- ☒ Despite declines in the majority of enforcement categories, the Command had an increase in overall activity of 4.7%. The most alarming decline was in the area of occupant restraint violations. This was compounded by the fact that all persons killed in fatal crashes during October were not wearing seat belts.
- ☒ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash increase by almost 10%. Hopefully this assisted with the decline of impaired drivers involved in crashes. For the drivers arrested prior to a crash, the average BAC was .127.
- ☒ Commercial Operations Personnel had a substantial increase in the number of inspections conducted of commercial vehicles and their drivers. There were 670 inspections conducted for an increase of over 35% from September. This was also with one Trooper conducting only 2 inspections during the month due to a special assignment that took all of his time. Had this not occurred, over 700 inspections would have been conducted. With the increase in the number of inspections came like increases in the number of violations discovered, the number of citations issued and the number of drivers and vehicles placed "out of service."

- ☒ The number of vehicles weighed declined by 31%, however, the number of overweight violations more than doubled. Of the 624 vehicles weighed, 134 were weighed on secondary roadways during 163 hours of directed enforcement. Almost 75% of the total violations were discovered while weighing the 134 vehicles on secondary roadways.
- ☒ With the increase in the number of inspections conducted, there was a substantial increase in the number of dyed fuel checks. Of the 634 dyed fuel checks, 150 were conducted on secondary roadways during 141 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☒ Traffic Operations personnel conducted 601 inspections of commercial drivers and their vehicles. This was a drop from September, but in September there was a large amount of overtime worked directed at commercial vehicle enforcement that was not worked in October. With the number of traffic Troopers now certified in Level 2 inspections, the category of "Vehicles placed out of service" was added.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
October-06	601	249	856	54	34	546	1
October-05	271	141	628	26	N/A	220	0
% Change	121.8%	76.6%	36.3%	107.7%	N/A	148.2%	100.0%

October-06	601	249	856	54	34	546	1
September-06	779	254	752	78	N/A	643	0
% Change	-22.8%	-2.0%	13.8%	-30.8%	N/A	-15.1%	100.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October-06	October-05	% Change	September-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	83,068	78,575	5.7%	89,201	-6.9%
CAD incidents	12,723	10,248	24.2%	11,991	6.1%
Telephone Calls	11,250	12,425	-9.5%	11,702	-3.9%
Call Box Incidents	32	24	33.3%	26	23.1%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	119	90	32.2%	68	75.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	68	70	-2.9%	109	-37.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	24	14	71.4%	21	14.3%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	378	390	-3.1%	452	-16.4%
Warrants Entered	257	166	54.8%	361	-28.8%
Warrants Cleared	595	190	213.2%	280	112.5%
Warrants Validated	1800	1753	2.7%	2300	-21.7%
Extradition / Transports	7	6	16.7%	14	-50.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	16	26	-38.5%	54	-70.4%
New Items Submitted	91	110	-17.3%	119	-23.5%
Items Disposed	3	25	-88.0%	500	-99.4%

Contract Service overtime was 484 hours during 11 escorts totalling \$31,446.

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- ☒ The Communications Center had declines in the number of radio transmissions and telephone calls. This was despite increases in crashes and enforcement activity throughout the Command. This increase in activity led to an increase in the number of CAD incidents generated.
- ☒ The Front Office personnel processed over 6% more reports in October. This includes accident, arrest and officer reports.
- ☒ The Court / Warrant section received 16% fewer warrants, and had a decline of 29% in the number of warrants entered into the various computer systems. The number of warrants cleared more than doubled while the number of warrants validated dropped by 500.
- ☒ The number of new cases submitted to the evidence vault declined by over 70%. This led to a decline in the number of new items submitted.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ Tpr. Gonzalez participated in the Child Passenger Safety Task Force meeting.
- ☒ Tpr. Perkins staffed a child safety booth at the Lincoln County Helath Fair.
- ☒ Tpr. Edwards staffed a DUI safety booth at the Golden Healty Clinic.
- ☒ Approximately 150 students attended a drug and alcohol safety program at the Elko Junior High School.
- ☒ Division personnel participated in Trick or Treat Street in Elko for two days.
- ☒ The monthly class for child seat offenders was conducted with 8 persons attending.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

- ☒ The Central Command aircraft flew 19.6 hours during October.
- ☒ Six speed enforcement missions were flown with a total of 58 enforcement actions. Missions were flown in Wells, Ely and Battle Mountain.
- ☒ Flying Armed training was conducted in the Wells and Ely Districts.

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